

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
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North Carolina Gun Law: Possession of a Stolen Firearm (N.C.G. S. 14-71.1, 14-72)

It is against the law to possess a stolen firearm if you knew or had reasonable grounds to believe it was stolen. This crime is a Class H felony and may be punishable by thirty-nine (39) months in prison.

Pocket-size cards detailing many North Carolina firearm statutes are available to the public by Project Safe Neighborhoods. Please call 560-4438 x29230 to request cards for your community or organization.

PSN Partner Spotlight: Durham County Gun Safety Team

The Durham County Gun Safety Team is comprised of representatives from various agencies (such as Durham County Health Department, North Carolinians Against Gun Violence, Religious Coalition for Non-Violent Durham, Durham Police Department, Duke Trauma Center, and the Durham County Sheriff's Office) that address gun safety. Projects organized by the Team include community education and campaigns to encourage gun owners to appropriately store and handle firearms. Team members provide outreach services to schools, churches, neighborhood organizations, businesses, and youth groups. Free gunlocks are provided to individuals who own handguns. The "Just Ask" program is an important part of the Team's message and encourages parents to ask about guns in homes where their children are playing.

ONE SIMPLE THING YOU CAN DO to Prevent Gun Crime in Durham: Record serial numbers

Photograph serial numbers on your firearms. Should your guns be taken from your home or automobile these numbers will assist law enforcement officers recover stolen property.

Pointers for Parents: Parenting for Gang Prevention

- Monitor and control their behavior. Be firm but fair when it comes to discipline and enforcing the rules.
- Know your child's friends. Ask them where they are going and what time they will return home.
- If you see what you think are gang signs, logos, colors or paraphernalia, call them out on it. Take a stance and let them know that though you are their friend, you're also their parent, and gang activity is unacceptable.
- Help kids learn how to earn money outside of illegal activity.
- Take an active interest in your children's activities. Get them involved in organized after-school sports or activities, and if they quit what they'd been actively involved in, find out the reason.

PSN in Your Neighborhood

May 6: Railroad and Liberty Street Community

May 12: DHA Club Blvd. Community

May 19: DHA Franklin Village Community

May 21: DHA McDougald Terrace Community